

result lost the game by one. To make matters worse a kindly disposed gentleman sought to put the referee right for the future as they were walking to the dressing quarters after the game, but the official stoutly maintained that his decision was correct as the fisting took place in the area, and therefore he had no option but to act as has been indicated. When the unknown friend suggested that a careful examination of the chart would reveal that there was such a thing as "refraining," which applied to penalty kicks as well as free kicks, he was brusquely told to mind his own business.

#### METROPOLITAN SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

#### FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY.

##### Gardiner Cup.

Balmain Fernleigh v Wallsend, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.15 p.m.

##### Lincoln Cup.

West Sydney v Pyrmont, Wentworth Park Oval, 1.45 p.m.

Two Blues v Rangers, Ibrox Park, 3.15 p.m.

Pyrmont Rangers v Balmain Gladstones, Leichhardt Oval, 3.15 p.m.

Sydney v Gladstoneville, Drum-moyne Oval, 3.15 p.m.

Granville v Auburn, Wentworth Park Oval, 3.15 p.m.

Balmain Fernleigh the bye.

##### Sunlight Cup.

Annandale Altona v Campsie Thistle, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 1.45 p.m.

Metters v Callan Park, Botany Albions v Sunlight, Easton Park, 3.15 p.m.

Bankstown v Sydney, Canterbury No. 1, 3.15.

Campsie Thistle or Annandale Altona v Pyrmont—to be played next Saturday.

#### RESULTS FOR SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1924.

1st Grade 1st Division  
Two Blues beat Pyrmont Rgs. 4-0.  
Gladstones and Gladstoneville drew 2-2.  
Sydney beat Auburn 4-1.  
2nd Division (Final)  
Pyrmont beat Rangers 3-2.  
Second Division  
St. George beat Leichhardt 4-3.

#### DISTRICT FOOTBALL FINANCIAL PROPOSALS.

##### Organisation Next Year.

The following are the recommendations of the special sub-committee on the financial side:—

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##### SUNLIGHT CUP.

Callan Park beat Booralee Rovers 3-0.

Sydney beat Alexandria 3-2.

Metters v Burns Club 6-0.

Pyrmont v Lilyfield Rgs. 3-1.

Bankstown beat Eastern Suburbs 2-1.

Sunlight beat Garden Island 4-3.

Manly forfeited to Botany Albions.

Campsie Thistle drew with Annandale Altona 1-1.

#### PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	12	10	1	1	44	16	21
Two Blues	13	6	3	4	21	15	16
Auburn	14	5	5	4	19	23	14
Bal. Gladstones	11	4	3	4	18	24	12
Pyrmont Rgs.	13	4	6	3	25	26	11
Sydney	12	3	4	5	19	18	11
Gladstoneville	13	8	6	4	20	33	10
Bal. Fernleigh	12	7	5	9	23	5	

#### W. LINCOLN CUP.

##### 1st DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	5	4	—	1	19	7	9
Two Blues	6	4	1	1	12	5	9
Bal. Gladstones	5	3	1	1	6	4	7
Auburn	7	3	4	—	11	16	6
Gladstoneville	7	1	3	3	10	17	5
Pyrmont Rgs.	6	2	4	—	10	12	4
Sydney	5	1	2	2	6	6	4
Bal. Fernleigh	5	—	3	2	7	14	2

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

The semi-finals of the Gardiner Cup will it is hoped be played next Saturday. Sydney are due to play the winners of West Wallsend and Kurri Kurri, and Woonona, the winners of Wallsend and Balmain Fernleigh.

The venues of the semi-final will be decided next week-end. One semi-final will be played in Newcastle, and the other in Sydney.

The final will, it is hoped, be played on September 20th.

#### THE SUNLIGHT CUP.

It was reported at last Monday's meeting of the Council of the M.S.F.A., that the referee had failed to order extra time in the Annandale Altona-Campsie Sunlight Cup fixture. An instruction has been issued that in the event of drawn games, an extra quarter of an hour each way be played, as per the Gardiner Cup rules, which apply in knock-out fixtures.

#### HINTS FOR CLUB SECRETARIES.

- (1) All protests must be in writing, and in duplicate, and lodged with 10/- fee within two days.
- (2) See that your club always has a ball available.
- (3) See that your players take the field in proper uniform—fines will be enforced.
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- (5) Send your delegate to the Council Meeting, held on the first Monday in each month.



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Balmain Fernleigh the bye.

**Sunlight Cup.****1st Round.**

Campsie Thistle beat Annandale  
Altona 2-1.

**2nd Round.**

Metters beat Callan Park 2-1.  
Bankstown beat Sydney 3-1.  
Sunlight and Botany Albions  
not played.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT.**

It has not yet been decided where the semi-final—Woonona v Balmain Fernleigh or Wallsend—will be played. A lot depends on who wins, Balmain Fernleigh or Wallsend.

The defeating of Annandale Altona by Campsie Thistle was very pleasing to the round-ball enthusiasts in the Canterbury area, for the members of the Campsie team are mostly resident in that district.

To-day is the last day for the Association on Leichhardt Oval. This oval has not been a good financial proposition, but has been much appreciated by players and spectators.

The Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 is available up to September 20th. The Sports Ground is also available on that date. The Gardiner Cup final cannot be played now until the 27th September.

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**TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.**

The fixtures for to-day are as follows:—

**Gardiner Cup.**

West Wallsend v Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.15. Referee, Mr. H. Reay.  
Wallsend v Balmain Fernleigh, Tramway Ground, Newcastle, 3.15

**Lincoln Cup.**

West Sydney v Pyrmont Rangers, S.C. Ground No. 2, 1.45. Referee, Mr. J. Lester.

Granville v Gladesville, Leichhardt Oval, 3.15. Referee, Mr. A. W. Bates.

Two Blues and Balmain Fernleigh, byes.

**Sunlight Cup.**

Campsie Thistle v Pyrmont, Canterbury No. 1, 3.15. Referee, Mr. T. Anderson.

Sunlight v Botany Albions, Easton Park, 3.15. Referee, Mr. A. E. Court.

Bankstown v Pyrmont, or Campsie Thistle, deferred.

Metters v Sunlight, or Botany Albions, deferred.

**RESULTS FOR SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1924.****State Championship.**

Balmain Fernleigh drew with Wallsend 0-0.

**W. Lincoln Cup.**

Pyrmont Rangers beat Balmain Gladstones 3-2.

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**DISTRICT FOOTBALL****The Areas and Boundaries Defined.****BUSINESS SHOULD CONCLUDE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT.**

The boundaries of the district clubs were finalised last Monday night at the adjourned meeting of the Metropolitan Association, which was again adjourned till next Monday night, when it is proposed to finalise, if possible, all of the business arising out of the Sub-Committee's report.

The following are the districts with the boundaries decided upon:—

**Balmain.**—The municipalities of Balmain and Drummoyne.

**Annandale-Leichhardt.**—The municipalities of Annandale, Leichhardt, Petersham, and that part of the municipalities of Burwood and Ashfield north of the Main Suburban railway line.

**Pyrmont.**—The municipalities of Glebe, Newtown, Erskineville, Darlinghurst, Camperdown, Redfern, Alexandria, Waterloo, Mascot, and Botany, and that part of the city of Sydney west of George Street.

**Eastern Suburbs.**—The municipalities of Randwick, Paddington, Waverley, Woollahra, Vaucluse, North Sydney, Manly, and Mosman, and that part of the City of Sydney not included in Pyrmont's territory.

**Canterbury.**—The municipalities of Enfield, Canterbury, Marrickville, and Bankstown, and that part of the municipalities of Burwood and Ashfield south of the Main Suburban line.

**St. George.**—The municipalities of Hurstville, Kogarah, Bexley, Rockdale, and St. Peters, and the Sutherland Shire.

**Gladesville-Ryde.**—The municipalities of Concord, Ryde, Eastwood, Hunter's Hill, Lane Cove, and Willoughby, and the Hornsby and Kuringai shires.

**Granville.**—The municipalities of Granville, Parramatta, Ermington, Rydalmere, Auburn, Lidcombe, Homebush, Strathfield, and Dundas, and Baulkham Hills shire.

The other decisions arrived at to date are as follows:—

(1) "That in view of the report of the special sub-committee appointed by Council, this special general meeting adopts the principle of District Football for next year, and instructs the sub-committee to draft a new set of competition rules for submission to the Annual Rules Revision meeting."

(2) That district football be played on a strictly residential basis, each district club to have a first and second grade.

(3) That the number of district clubs in the metropolitan area be eight.

(4) The following district clubs were then decided upon:—Balmain, Annandale-Leichhardt, Pyrmont, Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury, St. George, Gladesville-Ryde and Granville.

(5) The Annual Rules Revision meeting shall be held on Monday, the 20th October.

The feature of the meetings to date has been the spirit of compromise with which the various questions have been tackled. The meetings have in every way been a credit to the Association and to the clubs.

The final decisions with regard to the boundaries have taken into account the areas allotted to Associations already in being in the Metropolis, and has given each district club a chance to form a Junior Association, if thought advisable, in its district.

The procedure suggested for next Monday night is as follows:—

(a) Consideration of the financial clauses of the report.

(b) Consideration of the chief recommendations of the Sub-Committee not already dealt with.

**FINANCIAL PROPOSALS.**

The following are the recommendations of the special sub-committee on the financial side:—

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**CHIEF RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED.**

(a) That the Association provide for five grades of football altogether to be designated: 1st grade, 2nd grade, A grade, B grade, and C grade.

(b) That the district clubs provide teams for first and second grades, there being no objection however to their providing teams for the other grades, the other grades to provide for club



football and not to be on a district basis.

(c) The constitution of the Association to be so altered that district clubs at the general meeting shall have three votes, and at the annual meeting two votes, and that other clubs shall have at the general meeting two votes, and at the Council meeting one vote.

(d) The district club to have the right to call upon any player residing in the district to play for the district club if required. The district club requiring such players must apply direct to the Association, at the same time notifying the clubs and players concerned that the services of such players are required. Transfers from one district to another are not objected to, providing the district club for which the player is residually qualified certifies that it has not a place for the player in its 1st grade team.

Consideration was given to, but no finality reached on the question of a time limit such as 30th June being added to this clause, and also as to whether a district club should be required to pay either to the Association or to the club concerned a fee of, say £1 or £2, so that there would be some safeguard against district clubs indiscriminately trying out players residing in their districts, and thereby inconveniencing both the players and the clubs concerned.

(e) With regard to junior associations, it is felt that it would be unwise to interfere with the existing associations, but it is thought that they should only provide for players under 21 years of age, and that where competitions are for players over 21 years of age they should be controlled by the senior associations.

(f) That in the event of the district football being decided upon that district clubs shall be inaugurated by a publicly convened meeting by the Association, and that the whole of the players at present affiliated to the Association shall be advised in writing of that meeting.

(g) The Committee state that in their opinion that under the scheme outlined it would not be necessary for the present constitution of the management of the game to be altered; the management committee could, it is thought, be constituted as at present, the management committee being elected at the annual general meeting.

## SOUTH COAST NEWS.

### Some Impressions.

By S.E.C., for "South Coast Times."

The hat trick to Woonona! This is the third time Woonona has defeated Balgownie in the Gardiner Cup.

Balgownie went under to a superior team in almost every department.

H. Masters was Balgownie's star player. T. Gerling filled that position for Woonona.

Thompson nearly got through on a couple of occasions early, but after Gerling tied himself up to him he was well held.

Why "Judy" should leave his usual position, where he has recently been hailed as Australia's crack centre forward, is hard to understand, particularly when Balgownie was so desperately in need of goals. Has the defence of Woonona the Indian sign over him? He looked like an amateur against them. Cheney's invitation to him to try a few square bumps was accepted, much to the disadvantage of the Black and White line.

A very noticeable feature was the neglect of Bonser by Jarrett. This player had many fine chances to receive a pass, but they never came over; on many occasions Jarrett tried to beat the field when a touch to Bonser would have placed them in a good position. Let us hope this is absent when they meet in the semi-final!

Orvad filled the position between the sticks very well. This is the second time he has been called on to take Boyle's place, and both times against Balgownie. His save with the penalty just on final whistle was nothing out of the ordinary, but the manner in which he cleared was extremely clever.

Dave Ward failed to do what he did the previous week at Woonona, when he got the equalising goal. He had charge of the penalty kick, but failed; he sent it straight at Orvad.

W. Wright handled the game well; still he has nothing over Reay.

There was not the crowd there that was anticipated. Still, it was an improvement on the previous Saturday.

"Sport" Jones as a centre forward has quite a lot to learn, but he is speedy and game, and is liable to score thereby.

McMahon made no mistake with his goal for Balgownie; the movement was started by Rhodes.

Veigel opened the score for Woonona from a pass from Bonser; he gave Dryburgh no chance. Jones slipped Woonona's second goal into the net from a pass from James.

Balgownie took the defeat in a true sportsmanlike manner.

Goals are being piled up at every street corner in Woonona. The players are keen to have another go at their old rivals of last year—Wallsend.

### Champion Junior Team.

Coledale Under 13 team have put up a record which beats what Kurri Kurri Under 13 claimed as a record a few weeks back. Whereas Kurri, out of 14 games, won 11 and drew 3, scoring 67 goals for 8 against, the Coledale team won 14 out of 14, and scored 65 for 7 against. Coledale are now favorites for the Junior Cup.

### COMPETITION TABLES.

#### Up to August 30th.

First League—First Division.				
Woonona	11	8	0	3 19
Coledale	11	7	1	3 17
Corrimal	12	6	3	3 15
Balgownie	10	5	1	4 14
Tarrawanna	11	5	6	0 10
Helenburgh	11	3	6	2 8
Thirroul	11	2	8	1 5
2nd Division				
Port Kembla	13	9	3	1 19
Corrimal T.	13	9	3	1 19
Woonona P.	13	8	3	2 18
Mt. Kembla	13	6	4	2 14
Scarborough	13	5	5	3 13
Coledale	13	5	5	3 13
Thirroul	13	3	8	2 8

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### Gardiner Cup.

#### WEST WALLSEND QUALIFY FOR SEMI-FINAL.

#### By Full Back.

Saturday's game between West Wallsend (holders) and Kurri in the Gardiner Cup drew a very large crowd at the Tramway Ground.

The coalfielders were down in hundreds to see their team up against the State champions. Kurri won the toss, and kicked towards the gate end, with a strong wind behind them. The game opened fast, both ends being visited. Kurri secured the first corner, Wells kicked weakly, and Erickson cleared; Brown secured and sent to Muir, but Bennett beat him and punted high; the wind carried the ball behind. Coutts next gave away a corner which was cleared, and then W.W. made a determined rush. Maunder sent to Erickson, who was going through, when McNabb fisted the ball, and from H. Maunders' hard drive, Brown scored a brilliant goal, giving W.W. the lead. Kurri attacked and kept W.W. hemmed in for a time, and secured several corners, which were all cleared, but they were rewarded, when Phillips and Foley beat the opposition, and Phillips put into the net. W.W. 1; Kurri 1. From the centre kick West Wallsend attacked, and Erickson, after a fine run, was tripped by McNab, and from the penalty kick, H. Maunder hit the bar, the ball going behind. Keeping up the pressure W.W. scored again when McLauchlan beat Hodge, with a low shot, giving W.W. the lead. Both teams were playing good football. Brown received from C. Coutts, and sent out to Muir, who beat Bennett, then crossed, but Hodge ran out and cleared as Maunder rushed in. Tinlin sending ahead to Phillips, who beat Coolahan, and put to Bower, who sent into goal, Coutts clearing; Wilson sent back, but H. Maunder kicked clear. Half-time score—W.W. 2; Kurri 1.

In the second spell James stopped a Kurri rush, and sent up to Brown, who put to Muir, and beating Tinlin "Bunny" sent in a centre which bounced, and Hodge ran out to clear, but the ball was too high, and went into the net. Kurri could make no headway as James was very safe, and was

beating the forwards every time. Foley and McRea made good progress, and tested Westy's defence; McLauchlan made a fine run on the left, and beating McNab sent right across the goal to Muir, who shot hard, but Hodge saved well, and Muir put the return behind. A fine piece of work by McRea and Foley was nipped by H. Maunder, who sent to Coutts on to Muir, but Bennett cleared; Handcock next sent to McRae, who took a head, and beat Smith, then sent to Wells, who crossed; but James took off Foley's toes; Erickson injured his knee, and had to leave the field.

West Wallsend were always dangerous, and Maunder shot hard, but Hodge stopped, and the return was put behind. Brown shortly after scored Westy's fourth goal from 20 yards out. Wilson took up field, and sending to McRae on to Bennett, who had changed places with Bower, but Coolahan intercepted and sent to Muir, who beat Tinlin and veered towards goal. Bower stopped him and sent to Phillips, who beat Coutts, and H. Maunder, and pushed ahead to Foley, but James was again safe, and sent up to the forwards, and McLauchlan added to the score with a clever rising shot. With 5 goals against them Kurri still tried, but failed to penetrate the defence, and so will have to wait another year to win the coveted State championship. The final scores were—W.W. 5; Kurri 1.

#### THE EARLY GAME.

The early game was a very poor exhibition of Soccer. Hamilton and Dudley meeting in the Sherwin-Williams' knock-out. Dudley ran out winners 3 to 1. Hamilton never looked like winning.

In the first half Cooper and Hunold scored for Dudley, and after half-time M'Cullum further increased the score. Clarke scored Hamilton's goal.

Kurri's goal against West Wallsend is the first that has been scored against the State champions in that Cup this season. 15 goals for and one against is the tally.

West Wallsend's forward line are all goal-scorers, and will compare with any other front line playing the game.

Billy Erickson is improving every match, and is now at the top of his form, and fully justifies his inclusion. "Ericho" repped for the District and State in the juniors for several years.

Good judges reckon Roy Paddock should be given a run in Westy's team, but the question is who could you leave out to put him in. Roy's turn may come later.

For the semi-final of the Gardiner Cup against Sydney, West Wallsend have selected the same eleven that beat Balmain Gladstone and Kurri.

J. Coutts, goal; H. James and H. Maunder, backs; F. Coolahan, C. Coutts, W. Smith, half backs; H. Muir, L. Brown, W. Maunder, W. Erickson, D. McLauchlan, forwards; with F. Hayes and T. Sinclair emergencies.

In this team are nine who took part in last year's final. The other two are Les Brown, who last season played with Cessnock, and W. Erickson, the Holmesville junior, who late last year qualified for senior football.

#### CESSNOCK DEFEAT WESTON.

The only senior fixture was played at Cessnock, and before a large attendance. The Nocks succeeded in landing the bacon by 3 goals to 2.

Cessnock were the best team and deserved the win. Weston's team did not strip as selected. Oliver, Ains, Tate and Williams were amongst the absentees. In the first half only one goal was registered, and that went to the credit of Cessnock, Harden doing the needful.

In the second half, Weston equalised, Wigham scoring with a brilliant shot. This only made the home team more determined, and E. Williams and Thompson notched goals for the Nocks, and just on time Wigham scored the second goal for Weston. This win



puts Cessnock one point behind Wallsend, and they are living in hopes of Wallsend dropping a point and so give them possession of the Ellis Cup. Wallsend, however, meet Weston at home, receive a forfeit from Mayfield, and travel to Neath. They will not hear of defeat in either game, and claim the Ellis Cup will remain in Wallsend.

#### SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CUP.

A full round of Sherwin-Williams Cup fixtures were played, and the teams are now reduced to ten. A decision was arrived at in each game, and the weaker teams are being gradually outed. One noted feature was the defeat of teams with re-graded players, Teralba's outing of Minmi being a great surprise at Young Wallsend. Boolaroo 3rd defeated Holmesville 7 goals to nil.

Teralba defeated Minmi 3 goals to 1.

#### At Wallsend.

Rovers defeated Kia Ora 5 goals to 1.

Adamstown defeated Boolaroo 4ths 4 goals to nil.

#### At Adamstown.

Islington defeated Barnsley 3 goals to nil.

Merewether defeated Broadmeadow 2 goals to 1.

#### TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

##### Gardiner Cup.

Wallsend v Fernleigh, at Tramway Ground, 3 p.m. Referee, Mr. S. Smith.

West Wallsend v Sydney, at Wentworth Park, 3.15.

##### Senior.

New Lambton v Cessnock, 3.15. Referee, Mr. J. Nicholson.

##### Third Grade Semi-Final.

West Wallsend v Killingworth, at Young Wallsend, 3.15. Referee, Mr. B. Lane.

##### Under 18 Final.

West Wallsend v Adamstown, Tramway, 1.30. Referee, Mr. J. Sanderson.

##### Under 16 Final.

West Wallsend v Kia Ora, at Young Wallsend, 1.30. Referee, Mr. Joss Bartley.

The Seniors are the only grade that has not completed its competition fixtures, and the many draws played by Wallsend has delayed the competition, and as the

premiership is not decided, all games must be played. One point divides the four top teams.

The Under 18 or B Grade final should be a good curtain-raiser for the Gardiner Cup fixture at the Tramway to-day. The best junior football played on headquarters this season has been in this grade, so patrons can be assured of a good 90 minutes' early game. I doubt if the late fixture will produce as good football as this fixture. West Wallsend have not been defeated this season, and only one goal has been scored against them in the second round. Adamstown, however, on their last two matches, should make the Blues go, but I expect Westy to still remain undefeated.

The Under 16 final is being staged at Young Wallsend, and comparing the two teams Kia Ora and West Wallsend, both possess good forwards. Kia Ora went right through the both rounds undefeated, and had a good average of 59 against 6, while Westy were defeated twice, and had an average of 39 goals against 16. This final carries both Cup and medals.

#### KURRI JUNIOR RESULTS.

##### Under 14 Competition.

Kurri Juniors and Kurri North End played on Tuesday night on the Drill Hall ground, Kurri, in the semi-final of the comp. before a large attendance. In the first half North End led at the interval by two goals, scored by Fisher and Barnett, but the juniors played a determined game in the second half, and managed to equalise through Akerman and Maxwell.

The next night these teams met again, and contrary to all expectations the juniors won easily by 4-0. The goals were scored by Akerman (2), Maxwell and Archibald.

On Saturday the final was played between Neath boys and Kurri Juniors. Neath proved superior to the juniors, who were much the smaller boys, and won by 3-1. Neath boys deserve a lot of credit for their performance, as the juniors are a clever little team. The juniors took their defeat well, and it's a pity that these boys cannot be rewarded for their good displays this season by receiving a set of medals for runners-up.

#### HOLMESVILLE VISIT GOSFORD

Holmesville organised a team to visit Gosford last week, and were successful in giving the game a bit of boost in the Gosford district.

Secretary Billy Beale was referee. (I wonder did he get any harsh things said to him). Mr. Staunton and Yates were linesmen.

The Entrance kicked off against a stiff breeze, and started to press. Holmesville, however, repelled them, and got away on the left wing, who tricked the defence and centred for the centre forward to net. Two further goals were scored in the first half, and Holmesville were through the defence when Referee blew for lemons (which were plentiful). Half-time scores—Holmesville 3; Entrance nil.

On resuming the Entrance broke through and Page Pearce scored the Entrance first goal (amidst great cheers). Holmesville scored four more goals, and the Entrance 3. The game ended Holmesville 7; The Entrance 4.

On the Sunday the visitors were the guests of the local club, and a motor bus trip to the Waterfalls was amongst the itinerary. The miners took the opportunity of a dip in the water. The drive was then continued out to the orange country, and all kinds of fruit was sampled, thanks to the genial Jim B.

After tea a concert and dance was arranged, and with a sprinkling of the ladies from Gosford a merry time was indulged in until train time. Everyone of the visitors enjoyed themselves, and they intend making the trip again in a fortnight to meet the Gosford Magpies. The team earned a good name in Gosford, and their return will be welcomed.

#### N.D.B.F.A. PROPOSED NEW GROUND.

The delegates on Saturday night considered the proposition of the new ground. The committee had met the Hamilton Council Park's Committee, and all the proposals put forward by the Association representatives were agreed to by the Park's Committee, with the exception of the length of lease, which was reduced from 20 to 15 years. Unfortunately a small at-

tendance of delegates were present, and the matter was deferred, and will be dealt with at a special meeting of the Association, to be held next Saturday at the Tramway, at 6.30 p.m. Delegates are requested to attend, and so either accept or reject the proposal. All information re cost, etc., of putting the ground in playing order will be submitted to the meeting.

#### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Seniors					Goals				
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Wallsend	14	9	1	4	25	16	22			
West Wallsend	15	10	4	1	53	12	21			
Cessnock	14	9	2	3	27	14	21			
Adamstown	16	9	5	2	23	17	20			
Kurri Kurri	14	6	8	0	26	27	11			
Weston	14	5	8	1	30	35	11			
New Lambton	15	4	8	3	16	27	11			
South	15	2	9	4	15	28	8			
Mayfield	13	2	11	0	11	50	4			

#### EASTERN SUBURBS JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

The above Association has now been definitely formed and the prospects for its debut next season are exceedingly bright.

The prime mover in the formation of the new Association was Mr. Haynes, of Consett Avenue, Bondi, who is an indefatigable worker in the interests of Soccer football, and is at present connected with the Metropolitan Juniors.

At the first meeting, which was held at Waverley Oval, there was a thoroughly representative attendance, soccerites from all the municipalities in the Eastern Suburbs being included in the number present.

Mr. W. Robertson, of Bondi, (who is well-known at the headquarters of the M.S.F.A.), and Mr. Arthur Magee, of Vaucluse, were elected chairman and Hon. Secretary, respectively, pro tem.

The approximate number of teams likely to take part in the new assn's comp. total 25, and this number will no doubt be augmented before season 1925 commences. The number stated, however, does not include the teams which the Association intends entering the M.S.F.A. competitions.

It is believed that Waverley Oval will be available to the Association next football season, and with various grounds on Centennial, Queen's and Moore Parks, in addition to Rushcutter's Bay, Rose Bay (2), and Vaucluse, it is

thought there will be more than a sufficiency of playing areas on which to carry out the Eastern Suburbs Association's 1925 fixtures.

A general meeting was held at the Coronation Hall (upstairs), Bondi Junction, on Thursday, the 11th September, and the business included: (a) The adoption of rules; (2) Election of officers for year 1925; (c) To discuss the district football scheme and the formation of a First Grade District XI. for season 1925; (d) General.

A full report of the meeting will appear in next week's issue.

#### FOOTBALL "SHAMATEURS" ON THE CONTINENT.

##### French Confessions.

(Interesting Talk in the "Athletic News").

(By Tityrus).

It is impossible to open a French sporting newspaper, produced in Paris, without reading about the Olympic Games of this year, and the fact that France, highly elated by a recent victory over Belgium, intends to play in the Association football tournament.

At a banquet after the match between France and Belgium, a speaker had the kindness to wish that France would reach the final match on June 9th, but he counted on Belgium being her adversary, taking revenge for the defeat of January 13th, and preserving the title gained for the first time at Antwerp. Clearly France and Belgium wish to place all their opponents under their feet.

The French football authorities have engaged Griffiths, the English football coach, who was, I think, in Holland. As yet he has only been able to look round two districts, but his itinerary is set forth, and even includes Northern Africa under French rule.

The month of May, it is stated, will be the period of centralisation and of definite training and ultimate selection. Do I understand that certain amateur footballers will be drawn from various parts of France, prepared for a month, and then launched as the national team for the Olympic

tournament? Other countries will do the same.

If these amateurs are placed in a central camp, isolated, and trained for a month, they must be wonderfully enthusiastic to leave their cares and their affairs, and give up everything for the honor of their country.

Specialised training of this kind is not consistent with the Football Association's idea of amateurism. "Training expenses of amateurs other than the wages paid to a trainer or coach must be paid by the players themselves," reads Rule 29 of the F.A. Are all these French and Continental footballers paying their own training expenses? If they are they deserve Olympic medals for their devotion and self-denial.

In this country the idea prevails that these players are trained on the same lines as a professional, that all their expenses are paid for them, even loss of work, and this is the reason why Great Britain will not send a team to the Games. Amateurs in England could not afford to give a month to such a strict course of training. If they competed they would be at a disadvantage.

##### A New Life in the Land.

A French gentleman, living near Tours, being a subscriber to "The Athletic News," has had the goodness to send me an outspoken and interesting letter on this question. Heading his communication "Football Amateurism International Relations," he is very plain spoken. He says:—

"We follow in France the discussion concerning the rules of amateurism. A very large number of true amateurs take England's side. We do not admit that an amateur should be paid in any way. For my own sake, when I played football in England, in a Kent team, I was never offered any money for lunch or railway fares. The club lent me an old blazer, which was formerly of a grey hue, and I was quite satisfied with it. After the match each of us went by himself to the nearest bar and enjoyed a good cup of tea with bread and butter. We were so pleased to have a place in the team!! This happened in 1890.

"I remember the fine moments we spent going to watch a Cup Final, or a good tussle between Blackheath and Cardiff, or between Sunderland and the Hotspur. We did not regret the few shillings 'wasted' on that day."



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## PROGRAMME

GARDINER CUP. SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND No. 2, 3.15 P.M.

### Sydney v. West Wallsend

Referee: Mr. H. Reay. Linesmen: T. R. Brown and N. C. Kerr.

SYDNEY  
(Blue and Stripes)

1—S. G. MONTGOMERY 2—G. SMART  
3—W. H. WILSON 4—L. FURBER 5—N. CHARLTON  
6—J. BURNS 7—R. H. FITZPATRICK 8—T. ROBSON 9—H. BERRINGHAM 10—F. L. MELLIER-SMITH 12—A. FISHER  
(One to be omitted)

10—D. McLAUGHLIN 9—W. ERICKSON 8—W. ANDERS 7—L. BROWN 6—W. MUIR  
5—W. SMITH 4—C. J. TS 3—F. COOLAHAN  
2—H. MAUNDERS 1—H. JAMES

WEST WALLSEND

Reserves—Sydney: 11—A. Owen; 14—D. Christie; 15—A. Gallahue; 16—H. Graham.  
Reserves—West Wallsend: 11—F. Hayes; 12—T. Sinclair.

LINCOLN CUP. SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND No. 2, 1.45 P.M.

### West Sydney v. Pyrmont Rangers

Referee: Mr. Lester.

WEST SYDNEY  
(Red and Blue)

W. FOR

1—F. BUCKLEY 2—F. JELFS  
3—G. DOYLE 4—H. HAM 5—S. JELFS  
6—E. BROWN 7—F. COLLINS 8—W. BOW 9—M. KELLY 10—L. COLLINS  
6—R. OSBORNE 7—J. BURCHAM 9—E. BOWEN 3—C. TIMMS 10—J. GIGG  
5—J. SHIPLEY 14—H. CRUM (One to be omitted) 1—E. O'KEEFE 11—G. KELSO  
14—L. STOREY 2—J. CRUM  
1—F. BOWEN

(Blue with White and White Cuffs)

PYRMONT RANGERS

Reserves—West Sydney: 11—Graham; 12—F. Kelly.

Reserves—Pyrmont Rangers: 13—Hayton.

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## Protestant Churches Association

### K.O. MATCH.

The First Grade Premiers went down last week to Lakemba Congs A to the tune of 0—2. Either the Balmain boys had a day off or Mr. Williams' proteges had a day out, for St. Johns had no chance from the commencement. Williams, Purse and Cowie played good football.

Second Grade showed that it was about the same standard as First Grade, inasmuch All Souls were tossed by the odd goal, and Newtown Congs. A won by the same margin. The Hurlstone Pk. Congs. v All Souls proved a fairly good match. The Parks netted in the first spasm, and that was the only score. For some unknown reason rough play developed among the winners, with only about fifteen minutes to go with the result that Clarke received his marching orders. This team wants to watch themselves or others will be in trouble. Newtown Congs. A turned round and defeated St. Clements 3—2. The match was nothing to write home about at all. Donaldson, Watson and Brooks worked well together, while Merriman was the vanquished's best.

Through a misunderstanding, Ryde Meth. and St. Pauls did not meet. The match will probably be played to-day.

The two Third Grade premiers clashed at Lakemba in the early game, and after a good game the Pyrmont boys got home. To-day they will meet Alex. Congs in the semi-final of the 2nd Grade K.O., and on paper it should be a good match, with the odds in favor of the Red and Greens.

In Third Grade surprises were the order of the day. Newtown Congs. B established a 2-nil lead over such redoubtable opponents as St. Johns Glebe at half time. In the second spasm St. Johns rallied a bit, the final scores being 2—1 in favor of Newtown. It was a hard clean fought game, every man a tryer, and the best team on the day winning. To-day the winners will meet St. Columba and a close and interesting game should result. The other surprise was the towelling of St. Bedes by Croydon Congs. B 3—2. On previous performances St. Bedes should have had an easy victory,

but the gods ordained otherwise. Though Secretary Millington's team fought hard the better team on the day won.

### Branches.

Mr. Harman, 275 Belmont St., Alexandria, the Branch Hon. Secretary for South Sydney, reports that he has obtained definite promises of some seven or eight new teams for 1925. If he continues like this South Sydney will be almost as large next season, as the present Association is now. Mr. S. Jones, 93 Church Street, Croydon, of the Canterbury Branch, and Mr. Meyers, 2 Springside St., Rozelle, of the Western Suburbs branch, have up to date not reported at all. Mr. J. Watson, of the Canterbury Branch, states he can vouch for at least one new team for next season. It behoves all members of those organising committees to hop in right now so that progress can be reported.

### Enmore Tabs.

Enmore Tabernacle held a very fine reunion in their hall last Monday. This is one of the teams that look after the social side of their club whether they win or lose. Mr. R. H. Henry represented the Association, and in replying to the toast of the visitors mentioned the fine spirit of comradeship obtaining among members of the team, and their supporters, also the yeoman service rendered the team by Mrs. Atkin, the mother of the Hon. Secretary. Mr. D. Jackson, of the P.C.R.A., was also present. The organisers of the function have reason to be proud of themselves by reason of its great success. If some teams who are runners-up could emulate Enmore Tabs, then they would have a better chance of displacing the premiers.

### Mr. E. Willey.

Mr. E. Willey, the popular Hon. Secretary of Newtown Congs., attained his majority last Wednesday week, when his mother gave an evening in his honor in the Enmore Dispensary Hall. His club-mates were well in evidence and showed the esteem in which they held him. Mr. Henry represented the Association.

### St. George Branch.

Last week Carlton Meth. A put up a good game in the St. George K.O. competition, and were unlucky to lose 0—1. To-day they

meet Campsie Meth. in the final of the competition, and a great match should result. This match will be the early fixture on Leichhardt Oval, which ground has been loaned us by the courtesy of M.S.F. Association.

### P.C.R.A.

Secretary Scott would remind members that the early match must be off the field by 3.30 p.m. (3.20 p.m. on M.S.F.A. grounds). Knock-out matches are played under Gardiner Cup rules. Referees are also reminded that they should arrange for the results to be phoned to Pet. 1988 on Saturdays, between 6 and 7 p.m. This greatly facilitates the administrative work.

### Presentation of Trophies.

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### LINCOLN CUP.

LEICHHARDT OVAL, 3.15 P.M.

GRANVILLE v. GLADESVILLE

Referee: Mr. A. W. Bates.

GRANVILLE

(Black and White Stripes)

Goal

E. ATCHISON

1—C. LEABEATER 2—L. LEABEATER  
3—A. HENDERSON 4—G. EDWARDS 5—H. SPURWAY  
6—S. BOURKE 7—G. MILNER 8—H. WINTER 9—F. RAMSAY 10—J. HELE

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10—H. ROBERTSON 9—H. HENSON 8—G. MACFARLANE 7—W. BILLINGS 6—HILL  
5—D. FOWLER 4—J. LYONS 3—ELLIS  
2—W. MAIZEY 1—E. PONT

Goal

R. BROWN

GLADESVILLE

(Red)

Reserves—Gladesville: 11—Orr; 12—H. Gay.

LEICHHARDT OVAL, 1.45 P.M.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

St. George Branch Knock-Out Competition.

CARLTON METH. A v CAMPSIE METH.

TRAMWAY GROUND, NEWCASTLE, 12.30 P.M.

NEWCASTLE REFEREES v. SYDNEY REFEREES

NEWCASTLE

(Black and White)

Goal

J. DURIE

3—W. SHIPP 1—B. PRATTEN 4—J. SNEDDON 2—H. PRATTEN 5—W. MIDDLETON  
6—A. WRIGHT 7—W. STOTT 8—F. WATSON 9—H. WILLIAMS 10—C. NIX

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10—T. SIMMONDS 9—G. McLAY 8—H. BATTIN 7—G. McGRATH 6—H. COCKWELL  
5—J. O'TOOLE 2—E. HARGETT 4—P. O'HARA 3—L. GILL  
1—D. BROWN

Goal

W. CLARK

SYDNEY

(Red and Black Stripes)

Reserves—Newcastle: 11—R. Roberts; 12—E. Rutherford.

Reserves—Sydney: 11—Blakely; 12—G. Skelly.

### DISTRICT DEBATES.

#### Food for Thought.

The Balmain delegates wanted to include Lilyfield in their area, because of the good juniors in that district. Lilyfield is also close to Easton Park. They have got, however, in Drummoyne, Five Dock, Haberfield, and Abbotsford a fine large area, giving them room for expansion; also some grounds in the area.

Gladesville-Ryde delegates were very sporting to allow Balmain to have Drummoyne without putting up a battle. They have been granted a huge area. It would be interesting to learn how long it would take to get to Ryde's headquarters from, say St. Leonards.

Eastern Suburbs is another with a far-flung district. It is hoped that a central headquarters will

be chosen in fairness to the men on the north side of the harbour.

Granville practically retained the area allotted to them by the N.S.W. Association; there was a proposal that Auburn should be a no man's land, but this would have been absurd. A properly applied transfer rule for districts over supplied with star players should help to ease the situation in the first couple of years.

The move by Pyrmont delegates to include Mascot, Waterloo and Botany in their area was a good one. This area has a great future, being rich in quantity and quality of players. It should be equally as strong as Granville.

St. George is a district that the First Grade players resident in that district must stick to. There is a live junior organisation and a good second division team. They should be heard of next season.

Canterbury has been made a little stronger by the inclusion of that part of the municipalities of Ashfield and Burwood south of the railway line. This district will be stronger than is generally expected.

Annandale-Leichhardt is another strong district, both from an organising and playing point of view. On the shuffle of boundaries they lost Five Dock, but gained parts of Ashfield and Burwood.

From a playing point of view the weakest district appears to be Gladesville-Ryde. There are many players of senior status in the Ryde Association who are nowadays graded as junior, who are really seniors. Try-outs in this district will need to be the order of the day, about March next year.





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## The Metropolitan Juniors

### CHARITY CUP.

Two Charity Cup games were played on Canterbury Recreation Ground. Lillyfield A's defeating Marrickville Avoca A's by the odd goal in five, and Leichhardt Juniors All-Age defeated Newtown Juniors by 5 to 1.

In the B Grade K.O. final Leichhardt Juniors and St. Peters played a 2-all draw; these teams have now played two draws.

Newtown Iona and Warren Iona are trying to break all records as far as drawn games are concerned; they have now met each other four times in the C Grade knockout, and are fighting it out again to-day at Canterbury. If the match is a draw at full time, extra time is to be played under the six aside rule.

### PRIMROSE PARK.

The early fixture on the above ground last Saturday was the semi-final of C Grade competition, between Rozelle Waratah and Warren Avoca.

From the kick off Waratahs attacked and scored within the first minute of the game from a well placed shot, by the inside left, which gave the goalie no chance. Even exchanges followed, with both teams striving hard, but the defence was too good, and at half time there was no alteration to the score.

On resuming it was thought that Avoca, with the wind behind them, stood a better chance, but Rozelle soon dispelled all thoughts of this, playing the better game and having no difficulty in holding Avocas in check. Avoca's failure to win can be attributed to their forward line which could not make headway. The players should keep their positions; their failure to do so was very noticeable on Avoca's side as continually, their forwards, through being out of position, were unable to take advantage of the openings offered. Just before the whistle Hurkett, of Avoca, worked his way down the left wing, and kicked back to Sweeney on the wing, who scored a lucky goal, the ball just grazing under the bar in the corner. This made the scores equal. Almost immediately after the kick off, the whistle sounded. An extra 10 minutes each way was

ordered, but still the defence of both teams held good.

### THE ALL-AGE GAME.

The late fixture was the deferred All-Age game, between Kenilworth and United Juniors. After a match of no interest, the Juniors won 3—0. This win makes them level in the competition with Marrickville Avoca, and a final will be necessary.

The final has been deferred as a suitable ground for a match of such importance could not be procured, Primrose Park having been handed over to the cricketers.

### THE WAY OF IT.

"Another draw," she says, and looks at me,  
As though to say, "I got no sympathy  
With silly guys who can't decide a game!"  
(O' course all womenfolk is just the same!)  
"Another draw," she says, "that's number three!"

I eats me tea, and kinder shows I'm bored,  
She simply 'ates like mad to be ignored,  
And then she very icily explains  
That Nature as neglected me with brains,  
I never argues anything with Maud.

"Another draw! I'm shocked upon me word,  
I think those teams are simply too absurd!  
And what they reely want it seems to me,  
Is to appoint a lidy referee,  
And I can tell you there'd a' been no third.

I says to 'er, "I'm picked, dear love, to play  
Among the forwards for next Saturday"  
And then she says in tones of vinegar,  
You do you brute and I'll go 'ome to Ma!  
And then she 'owls, and what's a bloke to say?

She says if she'd aknownd 'ow things would be,

She never would a' said, "ason, the to me, a won-  
She 'ates football, she 'ates me - short white pants,  
I should be 'illing the potato plants  
A model of domestic 'armony!

O' course a fellow cannot 'ave 'is wife  
A-running home with tales of 'orrid strife,  
('Er brother's champion in the welter class!)  
Because these storms are always sure to pass—  
There's got to be some darkish spots in Life!

Says she, "the game is rough!" 'er eloquence,  
Is most remarkable, it is intense!  
And then she says, "the reason why I chose  
You, was your lovely Roman nose!  
If that got spoilt." You see, Maud 'as got sense!

But still I says to 'er in bitter tone,  
A fellow cannot call 'is Hfe 'is own  
When once he comes beneath the dreadful yoke,  
O' matrimony and the womenfolk.  
If I'd a-known I'd left it all alone.

She says the fowl 'ouse needs white-washing, it's a race  
Between the weeds that run the blessed place,  
And looking at me with such scorchin' scorn,  
Goes on to talk about the back-yard lawn,  
And says our place is just a wild disgrace.

I kinder goes pale purple round the gills,  
I've swallowed in me time some bitter pills.  
But ah, I never thought the time would come  
When I would lead a life so much humdrum,  
A plantin' onions and spring daf-fodils.

"Ah, yes! 'tis 'ard when once you been a star—  
Gone are me palmy days for ever—ah!  
But still and all I won me high renown,  
A bloke, sometimes, 'as gotta settle down,  
That is the way of it and there you are.



## The St. George Association

### KOGARAH PREMIERS.

The final for the premiership between Kogarah and Penshurst United played on the St. George Sports Ground on Saturday, was fought out in a typical Cup-Tie manner. It was a great game up to fifteen minutes from the finish, when Kogarah proved superior and won by 3 goals to 1. It was condition that won the match for Kogarah. Penshurst United were a tired team at the finish. There were 2000 present.

From the commencement of the game the play was fast and exciting. Penshurst was the first to attack, and Armstrong cleared a good shot from James. The play was quickly transferred by fine play by Amy, who put Kogarah in a good attacking position; Munns secured and put in a hot shot, which Harvey saved. Kogarah again pressed and forced a corner. It was well placed by Soames, Munro cleared. Penshurst gradually worked to Kogarah's goal; L. Harvey placed the ball to Rae, who outplayed Coleman and Wilkinson and scored. Penshurst United 1, Kogarah nil. Penshurst continued to press; good play by Rae, Lawson and James enticed Kogarah's goalie out of his goal; James tricked the goalkeeper, and with an open goal kicked the ball over the bar. Kogarah, by dogged determination, quickly equalised by a good drive by Pritchard. Half-time: Penshurst United 1, Kogarah 1.

In the second half both teams made strenuous efforts for the winning goal, but the defence of Kogarah, Coleman, Munns, Beach and Amy were responsible for breaking up the numerous attacks by Rae, Lawson, James and Dodd, of Penshurst. It was only within the latter part of the game that the defence of Penshurst weakened; Lawler took them by surprise, and netted, Harvey had no chance in saving the shot. Penshurst made strenuous efforts to equalise, but Kogarah's defence proved equal to the occasion. Just before time Brown added a further goal for Kogarah, who won the premiership by three goals to 1.

Mr. F. West, President of the St. George Soccer F.A., at the conclusion of the match, presented the Dye Cup to Mr. F. Amy, cap-

tain of the Kogarah F.C., and congratulated them on their success for the winning of the trophy two years in succession.

The other results were:—  
St. George Soccer Challenge Cup.  
First Round.

Marrickville Ayoca 4 (Platt 3, Orr) beat Brighton 0.

Arncliffe 1 (Lester) beat Carlton Methodists 0.

Rockdale 4 (Brooks 2, Kennedy, Bennett) beat Cronulla 2 (Forrest).

### TO-MORROW'S MATCHES.

#### St. George Challenge Cup.

St. George Sports Club No. 1. Lancashire v Kogarah Pres., 1.45. Referee, Mr. H. G. Read. St. George v Penshurst United, 3.15. Mr. S. Rose.

No. 2 Ground—C Grade Knock-out. St. George v Banksia, 1.45. Mr. W. Payne.

St. George Challenge Cup. Kogarah (Premiers, St. George) v Lakemba (Premiers, Canterbury Association), 3.15. Mr. W. Burroughs.

Another good programme of matches will be staged at the St. George Sports Ground to-day (Saturday). On the No. 1 ground St. George will play the Penshurst United team in the St. George Soccer Challenge Cup, which is a knock-out competition. The best match of the day will be between Kogarah (St. George premiers) v Lakemba (Canterbury Association premiers), in the Soccer Challenge Cup, on No. 2 ground. Considering both are premiers in their respective associations for 1924 a great game is expected. There were quite a number of people at the Sports Ground from Lakemba watching Kogarah last Saturday, and Lakemba supporters are certain that they can win the Cup. However, Kogarah will be a hard team to beat, as they are playing splendid football at present, the chief feature being that they play good clean football.

Kogarah A team will journey to play Revesby Rovers at the Canterbury Sports Ground on Saturday. This match is also in connection with the Soccer Challenge Cup. Revesby Rovers come from Bankstown way, and are a new team. Kogarah A will no doubt

put up a good game, as they are eager to meet the Dye Cup winners in the Challenge Cup.

### ST. GEORGE CHALLENGE CUP

#### Draw for Second Round.

Marrickville Ayoca v Arncliffe. Lancashire or Kogarah Pres. v Rockdale.

Kogarah B or Revesby v St. George or Penshurst United.

Kogarah or Lakemba the bye.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Four Sydney teams are playing their Nurse Cup games on the South Coast to-day—Canterbury, Lachlan Rangers, Auburn, and Annandale Altona. How many will win?

Sydney Referees have taken a strong team to Newcastle to play the Knights of the Whistle of Coalopolis to-day. It is hoped the officiating referee will give every satisfaction.

Balmain Fernleigh officials have scoured the metropolis for promising juniors this week; they are in a peculiar position owing to the 14 day's registration being required, as they have 40 supporters going to Newcastle, but actually unable without the assistance of juniors to field a strong team.

### ENGLISH VISIT.

Arrangements are now being pushed ahead for the visit of the Englishmen next season; the Commonwealth Football Association, without waiting for replies from all the States, is completing the arrangements. The English Association has issued a circular to all its clubs, and by September 30th the prospective personnel of the team should be known. The visiting team will it is hoped leave by the Orsova on April 5th, and arrive in Fremantle on May 4th, the tentative itinerary allowing for nine Saturday games in Australia, four in New Zealand, and three in Canada. Matches will probably be played in the five Mainland States in Australia. From information received the party will consist of 16 professional players, 4 amateur players, 2 managers, and a trainer. It should be a powerful combination.

## The Granville Association

### GENERAL NOTES.

#### Kewpies Win Juvenile Final.

As forecasted last Saturday Kewpies defeated United A by the odd goal in three, after one of the most brilliant juvenile games seen at Clyde for a long time.

The Kewps were leading by 2 goals up to within five minutes of time, when the A's came with a rush and scored.

United left their run til it was too late; had they been more determined during the whole of the second half, I believe they would have won. Such is the fortune of football, Deg, old boy.

Kewps were done to a frazzle when the final whistle sounded.

The late game was between English Electric and Granville East, in the qualifying round of the Cottam Cup. This also was a very close game, and Easts were leading 1-0 right on time when Electrics scored.

It is unfortunate that this draw is holding other teams up; Kewpies and Merrylands are both waiting for Lidcombe to meet the winners.

The semi of the Ainslie was also held up; Advance had no trouble with Auburn and won easily.

The Two Blue-United A fixture set down for Rosehill was not played, as the referee refused to act. He claims that the ground was not marked out. The players will please note this, and do a bit early next season and see that the grounds are marked out and all flags placed in position, otherwise they will surely meet trouble.

Had this match been played we could have got the final out of the way to-day.

The Richardson Cup match, Auburn and Woonona Park was played at Gees, and was won by the Park 4-2.

This ends Auburn's dream of the State Junior Championship once more.

To-day Auburn and Lidcombe will settle their All-Age dispute. Lidcombe must win this game, otherwise their hopes for the premiership will be small.

Magpies have arranged to play at Lithgow before the season ends.

A trip to Woonona should end a very successful season for the

'Pies.' Parramatta team intend holding their annual social next week. Mission are organising their second dinner; the function held last year was a very happy affair.

The Newcastle Schools met and defeated our schools at Clyde on Saturday, 2-0. The visitors were too heavy for the locals.

By defeating Rosehill B on Friday last, Granville Central B are now leading by 2 points, and should win the premiership. Peter Thompson refereed the juvenile final on Saturday, and gave general satisfaction—to Kewpies—the winners.

The local referees have arranged to play Newcastle at Clyde on the 27th; a dinner and social evening are to be held at McKay's rooms after the match.

The semi-final of the Ainslie, Two Blues v United A, is to be played at Clyde to-day at 2 p.m.

The late game will be in the "Cottam," English Electric v Easts; as these teams drew last Saturday, a good game is expected.

The only other game will be at Gees, when Auburn and Lidcombe will meet in the All-Age.

### THE N.S.W. JUNIORS.

#### Comment on the Tour.

("The Daily Mail," Brisbane).

(By "Numine.")

The visit of the New South Wales team was marked by success as far as the play of the visitors was concerned. Unfortunately the Brisbane public did not think the game was of sufficient interest to warrant their turning out in force to witness it. The result was that there will be a debit balance over the tour. The Queensland boys were completely outclassed, and although they did well in the first half of both games it was a one-sided affair in the second half. Marshall, who captained the home team, played great football at centre-half, and gives promise of becoming a first-class player. Unfortunately this player will not be available for next season's games.

The visitors had with them many players of note, but the out-

standing player was Adamson, the Granville centre, who gave a wonderful exhibition of a centre's duties. Every time the ball came in, he was there to get it, and he seldom missed the sphere. He scored two goals in the first game and followed up with three in the game at Bundamba.

Previously the ashes had been held by Queensland, but there is not the slightest doubt that the visiting team this season is far stronger than any junior team New South Wales has previously fielded.

### REFEREES' MATCH.

To-day the Newcastle Referees meet their brothers from the Metropolis, in a match at the Tramway Ground, at 12.30 p.m. The Newcastle team is published herein, and should hold their own with the City Tooters. The evergreen Jock Durie, the Ref.'s energetic Secretary, is custodian of the sticks. The redoubtable twins, Beach and Hanlon Pratten are the backs, and on their past form (a long time ago) will keep their opponents out. The half-back line, Larn Smith should head well. Watty Middleton will be good for ten minutes, but Yah. Sneddon (if available) will be a tough nut for the opposing forwards. In the forward line, Abe Wright and Little Billy Stott form the right wing. Dark-horse Charlie Nix and H. Williams are on the left, while Freddy Watson, the old Merewether star, is centre forward, and also captain.

Wacky Shipp, R. Roberts and E. Rutherford are emergencies. There should have been another six to keep the game going.

### BALMAIN FERNLEIGH AND WALLSEND AGAIN DRAW.

At Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, Wallsend met Fernleigh, and for the third time played a scoreless draw. The ex-Newcastle tooter, A. E. Court, had charge of the fixture. Extra time was played, but without avail. Poor shooting on the part of the forwards spoilt many openings. The fourth meeting will take place to-day at the Tramway Ground, and it is to be hoped finality will be reached. A double dose of extra time will, if necessary, be played.



## ALTERATIONS TO FOOTBALL LAWS.

Scottish Amendments; Notes on England's International Eleven.

By Steve Bloomer.

Some little time ago I referred to a football law, having reference to an incident following upon a "throw down." Play had been stopped for an injury, the ball was thrown down when the player had received attention, and before it reached the ground one player touched the ball. My correspondent told me that the referee awarded the other side a free kick, and asked me if this was a correct decision. I replied that I did not think so, as all my experience had taught me that the ball is regarded as "dead"—not in play—until it reaches the ground.

I put forward this point of view in all good faith. I could find no other interpretation of the law concerning the point. Yet I was informed that I was wrong. That being so, I took advice before making any further reply, and then I came up against a blank wall. I found that many football authorities were divided in their judgment. Some confirmed my decision; others declared that the referee was right.

To cut the story short. Last week the Football Association agreed to advise the International Board to so alter the law as to make it an offence if a player touches the ball before it reaches the ground. This being so, I claim that my interpretation of the old law is correct. If it is not correct why should there be any alteration necessary? I do not enter into the question of whether a player ought to be fouled for his interfering with the ball before it reaches the ground. That is purely a matter for the authorities, and it is a minor detail at best. All I claim is that those referees who have put their own interpretation on the rule and have been granting free kicks have been previous in their judgment. If the amended law comes into force all well and good.

I cannot pass on to other topics without saying that our laws are

not what they should be. Every year we get new amendments and new additions; every year brings new explanatory paragraphs. It is all very well to keep on in this way, but the fact of the matter is, the laws of football have never yet been properly and clearly worded. It would be a god-send to players, referees and officials were the authorities to tackle the job and draft the laws afresh.

## Scotch Proposals.

I notice that Scotland is out with several proposed amendments to the law. They are to bring up their hardy annual offside law amendment, though, this year, they have not published on what lines this will be, though I am given to understand that it will be a 40 yards line, instead of the 25 yards line.

The 40-yards line idea was the one which Chelsea and the Corinthians wished to try out, but which was not permitted by the English authorities. It looks, therefore, as though the English F.A. will not welcome the new proposal, though it is just as well to point out that Mr. Charles Sutcliffe—a mighty man to have on any side—is now convinced that the offside law requires amending. When he comes along with this decision, then the long suffering crowds have good reason to be hopeful.

Scotland is also suggesting that a goal shall count from goal-kicks, place-kicks and corner-kicks. This is not a sweeping alteration. There are never goals scored from a goal kick. The feat is almost impossible, but there are many times when a ball finds its way into the net direct from a corner kick. Under present law no goal is counted. The defending side is awarded a goal kick.

Yet such a feat is far harder than, say, scoring from the penalty spot. Is it right that it should go unrewarded? It must be admitted that luck largely enters in the performance of the

feat. When there is a stiff breeze blowing it is quite possible for the ball to be carried into the net, but even so, the player who takes the kick shows rare judgment in allowing for all the conditions that prevail. The point is so small that it is hardly worth bothering whether the amendment is agreed to or not.

In the matter of "place-kicks," this will be found to be of much greater importance. Not because goals are likely to be scored, but because some confusion is likely to arise as to what constitutes a "place-kick." A place-kick is a kick at the ball while it is on the ground in the centre of the field of play. A place-kick is not a free kick! There are free kicks from which no goal can be scored direct, so that it must be made clear that this amendment does not refer to "free kicks." If the law is altered we may have players taking a pot shot at goal from the centre spot, but that won't matter.

## CRONIN CUP ASSOCIATION.

The draw of the Cronin Cup, 1st round, is as follows:—

Kenilworth v Leichhardt.

Annandale Altona v Lilyfield Rangers.

Balmain Scottish v Sunlight.

Balmain Gladstone the bye.

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